

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Nicholas Leventis et al.

Title: METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS FOR PREPARING SILICA AEROGELS

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Examiner: John M. Cooney

Commissioner for Patents
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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated July 16, 2008 (“Official Action”), please reconsider the above-referenced application (“Application”) in light of the following amendments and remarks.